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2 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Good morning. It's about
3 10 after. We need to get started. Commissioners, is
4 there any other business we need to handle concerning
5 our October 21st commission meeting? Being no
6 carryover, that meeting is now adjourned.

7 I'd like to call to order the November the 4th,
8 2021, commission meeting.

9 Ms. Diliberto, would you please call roll.

10 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Ammons.

11 COMMISSIONER AMMONS: Here.

12 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Knight.

13 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Here.

14 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Scales.

15 COMMISSIONER SCALES: Good morning.

16 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Tyson.

17 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Good morning.

18 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Stephens.

19 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: I am here. Good morning.

20 Next on our agenda, we have our invocation, which

21 I take great pleasure in inviting Brother Mitch to the
22 podium to -- to speak on behalf of my home church, our
23 home church. And Mitch has -- has been there a short
24 time comparatively, compared to me, but great things
25 are happening down there in the oldest Baptist Church

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1 in Jefferson County.

2 Brother Mitch Grissett, would you please lead us

3 in invocation.

4 And, Cal, would you lead us in the Pledge of

5 Allegiance.

6 Everyone stand, please.

7 MITCH GRISSETT: Let us pray. Father, we come

8 here this day, God, seeking out an order of business.

9 Father, we know that you're the sovereign king over

10 all things. And, God, this day we just seek your

11 will.

12 Father, I pray as a community of people that have

13 gathered together, Lord, that we just seek after your

14 perfect will. We pray, God, that your spirit will be

15 amongst us. Lord, I pray for this to be a season and

16 a time where, God, that you have brought us people,

17 men and women, of understanding that has been elected

18 to these positions, God, to allow this opportunity to

19 lead your people.

20 Father, I pray for community. I pray for unity.

21 I pray, God, for a faithful people toward you that may

22 we be the people that seek after you to bring you

23 glory in all this community.

24 And Father, I pray for your spirit to be here in

25 this place. God, there not be a measured

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1 divisiveness, Lord, the God of unity. I pray, God, in
2 this time that we may continue to move forward in
3 seeking after your will in these things. And Lord, I
4 pray your goodness be about this place. Father, I
5 pray your hedge of protection be about this place.

6 And Father, I pray for you to be the one that
7 guides us through these things. But when I pray all
8 these things, not for the glory of any man or any
9 person or any agenda, but, God, to your glory be all
10 things. I pray this all in Jesus name. Amen.

11 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Amen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indecipherable) Pledge --

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: I pledge allegiance to the
14 flag of the United States of America and to the
15 Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
16 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

17 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: All right.
18 Commissioners, you have the -- before you the minutes
19 from October 21st, 2021, meeting. Are there any
20 additions, revisions, or corrections? You see none.

21 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: I'll move for the dispense
22 of the reading of the minutes.

23 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: And (indecipherable)
25 presented.

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1 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Second.

2 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: We have a motion and a
3 second. All in favor say aye.

4 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: I'm going to abstain. I
5 was not here for that meeting.

6 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Okay. We have a four to
7 one. Four zero one with an abstention from Commission
8 District 5.

9 Next, we have on the agenda the presentations.
10 We have a certificate of recognition for the Alabama
11 Heat.

12 Coach, you got everybody here?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indecipherable).

14 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: All right. That'll work.
15 I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to read
16 this.

17 If -- y'all come on up here to the center. And
18 each one of these recognition certificates has the
19 individual athlete's name on it. And I'm going to
20 just read one and let Coach take care of -- of
21 everything.

22 This is a certificate of recognition presented to
23 the athletes of the Alabama Heat. The Jefferson
24 County Commission would like to recognize the 2021
25 Alabama Heat athlete -- and it gets individualized

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1 here, so I'm going to have to skip that. Your dreams,
2 you plan, you reach. There will be obstacles. There
3 will be doubters. There will be mistakes, but the
4 hard work with belief and confidence and trust in
5 yourself and those around you. There are no limits,
6 guys. We look forward to seeing this be your first
7 recognition of many coming in the future.

8 There are nine athletes. I'm going to ask is
9 Ryan Tafoya here?

10 COACH: Ryan.

11 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Ryan, we want to make
12 sure that you and these athletes are throughout this
13 area of the state, so it's not any one commission
14 district (indecipherable). Right here. Thank you
15 very much.

16 Caleb Newton.

17 Purpose Henderson. How are you, bud?

18 All right. I was looking to see if the -- and
19 Legacy Prep School. Where is Legacy Prep School?

20 PURPOSE HENDERSON: In Daniel Payne, Birmingham.

21 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Daniel Payne, Birmingham.

22 COMMISSIONER SCALES: In my district.

23 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Whose -- that's your
24 district?

25 COMMISSIONER SCALES: That's in my district.

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1 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: You want --

2 COMMISSIONER SCALES: Sure, no problem.

3 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Hold on here. This is

4 your commissioner that's going to --

5 Have a hard time from (indecipherable).

6 Brian Boone (phonetic).

7 Is that you?

8 How about that? How about that?

9 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Us two good looking fellas,

10 man, we got to (indecipherable). Hang on, he's got a

11 medal. What are these?

12 BRIAN BOONE: So I got these at (indecipherable).

13 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: For what?

14 BRIAN BOONE: For the 100, 200.

15 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: (Indecipherable).

16 (Indecipherable) fast you are. But we got a guy in

17 here that's fast too. I want you to race him.

18 (Indecipherable), come on up here.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My knees (indecipherable).

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Open it up, open it up.

21 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Now you'll have to go

22 back to school?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Feed them some breakfast,

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1 though.

2 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Might need help here in a
3 minute.

4 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Joe, you got down. You
5 going to get up?

6 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Big smile.
7 Congratulations.

8 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Joe, (indecipherable)
9 Coach too because he's the one that is responsible.

10 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: (Indecipherable).
11 Pleasure. Thanks very much. (Indecipherable).

12 COACH: Yes, we do. (Indecipherable), yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: (Indecipherable).

14 COACH: Yes, he is.

15 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: All right.

16 COACH: Thank y'all very much. Appreciate it.

17 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Coach.

18 Guys, congratulations.

19 Commissioners, I'm going to skip the public
20 hearing and go through our ordinary business, and then
21 we will come back to the public hearing.

22 Commissioners, there 49 resolutions that have --
23 were presented and properly vetted in our Tuesday
24 pre-commission meeting.

25 Item Number 44, I ask that it be pulled for

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1 pending the public hearing from --

2 Mr. Morrison, are you here? Okay. That --

3 that's recommendation from the staff, right?

4 MR. MORRISON: Yes, sir. This one

5 (indecipherable) notice out to the public for the

6 18th.

7 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: So we'll -- chair will

8 entertain a motion for resolutions 1 through 49 with

9 the exception of 44.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indecipherable).

11 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: We have a motion and a

12 second. All in favor say aye.

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you very much.

15 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: What about 44 and what

16 about (indecipherable).

17 COMMISSIONER SCALES: 44 (indecipherable).

18 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Hey.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We pulled it or it got

20 separate?

21 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: No, we pulled it, pulled

22 it to the 18th.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The 18th is the date that

24 we -- that the County Commission adopted for the

25 zoning hearing. And because of that, our office

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1 didn't notice the public, as you requested, for this
2 meeting. So that's why we're asking to move that to
3 the 18th, just so we can public notice, and it will be
4 held at the regular zoning hearing for the County
5 Commission.

6 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: (Indecipherable) a public
7 hearing?

8 MR. MORRISON: Well, again, it -- correct. But
9 you had asked to -- us to notice the public again for
10 that hearing, and so that's why we've --

11 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Is there another public
12 hearing?

13 MR. MORRISON: That's -- we've -- we've held a
14 public hearing at the last hearing.

15 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Right.

16 MR. MORRISON: If you all want to entertain
17 another public hearing, that's at your -- at your
18 pleasure.

19 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: No, I was just asking. I
20 thought it was (indecipherable).

21 MR. MORRISON: Well, the only thing was is that
22 you -- you had requested that we notice. And again,
23 due to the confusion about the zoning hearing date, we
24 didn't send notice to the property owners, as you
25 requested. But we are doing that for the 18th

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1 meeting.

2 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you.

3 MR. MORRISON: And again, I apologize for that
4 confusion.

5 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: I'd like to call Barry
6 Stephenson up. We have a public hearing and
7 resolution authorizing the adoption of a redistricting
8 plan that we do every 10 years. It doesn't seem like
9 it's been 10 years, but I guess it has, Barry.

10 BARRY STEPHENSON: (Indecipherable).

11 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: This is something that's
12 happening throughout the country, and it's for the
13 various legislative districts.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that good?

15 BARRY STEPHENSON: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: And I'd like to turn it
17 over to -- to Barry right now to -- for an
18 explanation. And then as soon as he finishes with the
19 explanation, we will open the public hearing.

20 BARRY STEPHENSON: Yes, sir. Well, good morning,
21 everyone. Good to see you all. So, you know, in
22 October -- I'm going to cover this again, what I went
23 over in October, just so it's fresh on everyone's
24 mind.

25 So this is -- it's been 10 years since we

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1 redistricted. This is based on statute, based on the
2 law. At the conclusion of the -- of the census, the
3 US Census Bureau sent us everything this summer. We
4 began to get all of the numbers compiled and then have
5 it available for the commission to redistrict.

6 So what's presented today is not a plan of the
7 Board of Registrars. It's not a plan of the County
8 Manager. It's not a plan of the County Attorney.

9 By statute -- and I'll cover that in just a
10 second. The Commission deliberates and makes the
11 decision, but we -- we present the information to you.

12 So again, based on case -- case law and statute,
13 the biggest case law is Reynolds v. Sims. This is a
14 Supreme Court ruling to where the districts are to
15 have approximately equal population.

16 And then the Code of Alabama gives you, the
17 commission, the right to redistrict -- redistrict the
18 County Commission, and we do that using -- you know,
19 to alter the boundaries giving you the -- that
20 authority.

21 So let's look at the true numbers. So the -- the
22 number that was provided to us from the US Census
23 Bureau, the population of Jefferson County was
24 674,721. Divide that by five, and that gives you a
25 population target per district of 134,944.

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1 So when you look back, what was the growth? So
2 in 2010 the Census Bureau calculated 658,466. Leading
3 the 2020 numbers, that's a growth of 2.2 percent. So
4 the county did have growth over that 10 years.

5 Now, it was uneven and there's been lots of
6 stories written about certain cities that lost
7 population or certain areas. But overall the county
8 did grow by 2.2 percent.

9 So these are where the numbers came out per
10 commission district based on the US Census Bureau.
11 Commission District 1 -- again, that -- the target
12 population was that 134,944.

13 So Commission District 1 was 122,689. District 2
14 was 121,372. Commission District 3, 142,776.
15 District 4, 142, 111. And District 5, 145,773. So
16 those are the true numbers.

17 So when you put that in a percentage basis,
18 District 1 was 9.1 percent underpopulated. District 2
19 was 10.1 percent underpopulated. District 3 was 5.8
20 percent overpopulated. District 4 was 5.3 percent
21 overpopulated. And District 5 was 8 percent
22 overpopulated.

23 So from a true numbers standpoint, what does that
24 mean? Well, this is the numbers that needed to be
25 added or subtracted. So just straightforward,

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1 District 1 needed to add 12,255. District 2 needed
2 add 13,572. District 3 needed to subtract 7,832.
3 District 4 needed to subtract 7,167. And District 5
4 needed to subtract 10,829.

5 So when we go about redistricting, the Code of
6 Alabama gives us an outline of how to do that, and we
7 follow that. So the commission adopts and establishes
8 the boundaries, and we use clear, observable
9 boundaries. And that is defined by highways, roads,
10 census truck -- tracks, census blocks.

11 And you all have seen how we can go in and we can
12 do the individual census blocks and census tracts. We
13 use the roads, we use the highways, we use the creeks,
14 we use rivers, so we -- we have followed that.

15 This is just to note is -- there's a special
16 session going on in Montgomery. I think they're
17 wrapping that. We'll be getting that soon, probably
18 before Thanksgiving.

19 So redistricting, as the commission alluded to at
20 the beginning, is going on all throughout the state,
21 and they're using that plus or minus 1 percent
22 variance, getting back to that US Supreme Court case.

23 And all of the plans that -- for your
24 deliberation and consideration today all fall within
25 the plus or minus 1 percent population variance, which

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1 was our goal.

2 So there's three plans before you for you to
3 deliberate and for you to decide, not me, not the
4 County Manager or anyone else, for you to deliberate
5 decide. So I'm going to go through the plans and the
6 numbers.

7 Commission District 1 has a population of 135 --
8 this is Plan 1. District 1, 135,524. District 2,
9 134,737. District 3, 133,762. District 4, 136,078.
10 And District 5, 134,620. That's within the plus or
11 minus 1 percent.

12 Commission District 2 -- Plan 2. Plan 2. So
13 District 1, 134,982. District 2, 135,279. District
14 3, 133,762. District 4, 136,078. And District 5,
15 134,620.

16 And Plan 3. District 1, 134,982. District 2,
17 135,699. District 3, 133,762. District 4, 136,078.
18 And District 5, 134,620.

19 Again, all three plans within the plus or minus 1
20 percent.

21 This is Plan 1 and the individual district
22 numbers, we have them, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. The maps were
23 available before the meeting, and I did answer some
24 questions for the public out here in the foyer.
25 District 4, as you see the dotted line, that green

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1 area, so that green means it's going into District 1.
2 This is East Birmingham and a portion of Center Point.
3 Also going out here to the east side picking up, this
4 is the Minor -- Minor fire station. Down here is
5 Dolomite. District 1 had to add over 12,000.
6 District 2 adding portions of the Oxmoor Valley and a
7 portion of Homewood, a portion of -- north of Shannon
8 Road in the -- north of Ross Bridge. And then adding
9 a portion of Bessemer on this end.

10 So under these -- under these districts -- and
11 then to make the population equal up here so it could
12 be in that plus or minus 1 percent, a portion of --
13 this is unincorporated and a small portion of Warrior.
14 This is -- 65 is the boundary. That went to
15 Commission District 3 so that we could be in that plus
16 or minus 1 percent.

17 Now, as I go through Plans 2 and 3, nothing
18 changes with plans -- with Districts 3, 4, and 5. So
19 as we go to Plan 2, everything I just described stays
20 the same. The only difference is this portion right
21 here is the Ensley Rec Center goes to District 1. And
22 this portion -- this is Midfield and it is moved to
23 Commission District 2. And again, that still was in,
24 as I showed you the numbers, within the plus or minus
25 1 percent. That's the only change from Plan 1.

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1 And then Plan 3 everything in Districts 3, 4, and
2 5 stay the same, and this changes -- this is Charles
3 Brown Elementary precinct going to District 1 and
4 Midfield going to District 2.

5 So those are -- of course, the maps we've -- we
6 have had the public come up, and I've answered
7 questions, I've showed them. I've answered any --
8 anyone that came up, I feel like I've answered their
9 questions. We've had them on display in the foyer. I
10 have answered questions out there.

11 So they've been on display, and we've publicized,
12 we've given notice, we followed everything that we're
13 -- according to what we're going to do -- what we're
14 supposed to do, and we've done that.

15 So those are the numbers. Those are the plans.
16 I'll be happy to entertain any questions or comments
17 that you have or if something comes up during the
18 public hearing. You can -- I would be happy to step
19 in if you need -- need a question answered.

20 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Barry.
21 Appreciate everything that you've done. And it's --
22 it's -- it's a hard task to do that, to keep
23 everything the way it is designed to be put forth to
24 the -- to the public and to the census tracts and to
25 make sure that it's -- it's fair and -- and follows

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1 federal and state law.

2 BARRY STEPHENSON: Well, we've been the
3 facilitator. And I will say I have enjoyed having
4 y'all up and getting to know y'all on a deeper basis
5 and your staff. You all have -- I will commend all of
6 your staff from all five districts. Really enjoyed
7 working with them. You do have excellent staff. So
8 if no one has told you that lately, I'm going to tell
9 you today, so...

10 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Appreciate that.

11 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Mr. President?

12 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Barry, would you introduce
14 your staff? You're just another pretty face.

15 BARRY STEPHENSON: Yeah, well, I'm not. These
16 are the pretty -- pretty ones. But yeah, and it's
17 easy to remember the names, this is Laura and Laura.
18 I have Laura Smith and Laura Foster, and they're --
19 they are in our GIS mapping area. And they are vital
20 to the success of the Board of Registrars, and I
21 appreciate them very much, and they're -- they're with
22 me here today.

23 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you. At this time,
25 we'd like to open a public hearing concerning the

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1 redistricting and new commission districts.

2 Before we begin, I would like to get Mr. Markert
3 to be our timekeeper. We'll give everyone the
4 opportunity to speak, and then we'll have three
5 minutes to state what -- what they're going to. Just
6 a quick show of hands, how many people intend on
7 speaking? One, two, three, four. Okay. That -- that
8 -- that's great.

9 Let's open the public hearing, and we're
10 available for public comment. When you come -- when
11 you approach the podium, state your name and your
12 address and then you can state your reason for --
13 we'll begin back here.

14 DAVID RUSSELL: First of all, let me say good
15 morning to everyone.

16 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Good morning.

17 DAVID RUSSELL: You know, this time of year, it's
18 always the (indecipherable) time that we have to make
19 the adjustment. My name is David Russell, and I live
20 over in District 1. I do serve on the Alabama
21 Democratic Executive Committee. This is my 16th year
22 of serving, so I've been working with the
23 reapportionment since back in the 1990s.

24 But my concern is that only thing that the
25 Democratic Party, we -- we had a Zoom call on Monday.

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1 And some of their great concern was that is -- was
2 that they want to make sure that every district have
3 an equal number of citizens.

4 Now, out of all this, the Commissioner up there,
5 I would like -- I would not rather be in Jimmy
6 Stephens' district because he has the largest
7 (indecipherable) that any district on the commission.

8 I ran for City Council a few day -- a few weeks
9 ago, and I was in (indecipherable). I had
10 (indecipherable) box, so I know the kind of expense
11 you have to pay to do that.

12 So they are mostly concerned was to make sure
13 that all the districts have the same number of citizen
14 in there.

15 I was down on Gold Hill yesterday, and there's a
16 lot a, lot of lawsuits going on down there about this
17 congressional seat and this house seat. So you know,
18 we just -- we just would love for the County
19 Commission just do the right thing.

20 That's what I'm about. I'm not -- I'm concerned
21 who get elected. But more so, I'm concerned about
22 doing the right thing. Give everybody the right and
23 the equal opportunity to cast their vote that they are
24 -- at the poll.

25 So my concern is just basically, one, is just

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1 make sure when you divide the numbers up, like you
2 just had, and make sure that everyone have the same
3 amount of vote in that 1 percent deviation. That is
4 my great concern. Thank you very much.

5 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Dave.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indecipherable).

7 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Yeah.

8 Yes, sir.

9 GEORGE MCCALL: I'd like, first of all, to say
10 good morning to everyone.

11 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Good morning.

12 GEORGE MCCALL: My name is George McCall. I live
13 at 2805 Avenue E, Apartment A, Birmingham, Alabama
14 35218. I am the president of the Ensley community,
15 also the Ensley neighborhood, and I'm here to speak on
16 behalf of the Ensley neighborhood at this time.

17 We met on October the 21st at our regular
18 neighborhood meeting. At this time was brought up
19 about the redistricting. Ms. Sheila Tyson was on our
20 phone when we talked with her about it.

21 I also talked to Ms. Scales also three times from
22 the telephone and one time in a two-hour meeting that
23 she had.

24 And like I said, we are very concerned about our
25 area. My shirt say Justice for -- we want justice for

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1 our -- our neighborhood. We've been fighting here
2 since I've been president of it to try to keep the
3 things that our neighborhood really wants.

4 And that meeting on October the 21st, we voted
5 that we would ask that you keep us in District 2 or
6 Ms. Tyson district.

7 We also ask that you would (indecipherable) in
8 one. Like I say, we've been educated very much about
9 all four of these -- three of these plans, and we know
10 about these plans. We know what they are of because,
11 like I said, I'm a retired letter carrier. I've been
12 carrying mail all over Ensley and Birmingham, so I
13 know the district.

14 But we ask that you would really consider Plan 1
15 as you vote. Like I said, it would be best for our
16 neighborhood, and Ms. Tyson has been a very good
17 counselor person -- I mean commissioner in our area.
18 And she has worked with us to make sure that things
19 were done. So please, in your consideration and vote,
20 please consider Plan 1. Thank you. George McCall.

21 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Mr. McCall.

22 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: What was your name again,
23 sir?

24 GEORGE MCCALL: George McCall.

25 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Mr. McCall.

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1 Next, please. Good morning.

2 TYREE ANDERSON: Good morning. I am Dr. Tyree

3 Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in

4 Ensley, which is in District 2. And I am a resident.

5 You asked where we live as well. I live in Hoover, so

6 I am a resident of Hoover but a pastor in Ensley.

7 I have been back in Birmingham for four years.

8 My first time ever coming to speak to the County

9 Commission was at the age of 16, and that was when

10 Mary Buckelew broke the gender barrier and became the

11 first woman elected to the County Commission.

12 And I remember that when she came, she made grand

13 promises that she did not keep. I grew up in

14 Edgewater, so I understand that there are promises

15 that are made that oftentimes are used in order to get

16 in office, but are never always kept.

17 I stand here because I'm not here to take sides,

18 but I'm here to deal with the numbers. The numbers

19 speak for themselves. Right now where we are in

20 District 1 and District 2, the numbers are lower. And

21 it's oftentimes because there is economic injustice

22 that's taking place. Not saying who is at fault, but

23 money has been going to other places, but it has not

24 been coming to the areas where we are.

25 I stand here because I am an advocate for Plan

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1 Number 2. I think that with -- with diversity, I
2 think oftentimes when -- when certain people have too
3 much authority, there's no push, there's no change,
4 there's no movement.

5 And so I stand here as the pastor of First
6 Baptist Church of Ensley. George McCall was my
7 mailman, so I've known him my -- literally my whole
8 life. And so as the president, he has -- what the
9 community has said.

10 But I stand in concern because nothing has been
11 done prior to now. Maybe a change might actually
12 bring economic development into the community. And
13 the thing about it is where the church is, our zoning
14 won't change. It's only a piece over there by the
15 Ensley Rec.

16 So I stand here advocating that we would try to
17 persuade you to try to go with Number 2. Why Numbers
18 3, 4, and 5 have not been touched I have no idea. But
19 I think it's very important that we keep this in mind,
20 that we do want to be able to meet the needs of the
21 people, and the numbers speak for themselves.

22 We need to have more equality across all of the
23 districts. Thank you so very much for your time and
24 your (indecipherable).

25 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Reverend

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1 Anderson.

2 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: 3, 4, and 5 have been
3 touched. We all had to give up.

4 TYREE ANDERSON: The gentleman that came up said
5 there was no change, so I apologize if I misheard.

6 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Yeah. Barry, you want to
7 explain that a little bit better?

8 BARRY STEPHENSON: Yes. Districts 3, 4, and 5
9 were altered. They -- there was additions and
10 subtractions to get to that -- that target number.
11 But with -- in planning -- but as it moved to Plan 2
12 and 3, the changes were within Districts 1 and 2, not
13 within Districts 3, 4, and 5 is what I said.

14 TYREE ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

15 BARRY STEPHENSON: And while I'm up here, I do
16 want -- I forgot to say this earlier. We redistrict
17 based on population, not landmass. There's large
18 swaths of territory in the county where your nearest
19 neighbor could be 5, 6, 7 miles away. But so we do
20 redistrict on population and not landmass, so thank
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you. Is there
23 anyone else who'd like to speak?

24 Good morning.

25 BRYAN RICE: Good morning. Bryan K. Rice. I'm

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1 at 602 19th Street, Ensley.

2 Just a few moments ago, we had George McCall
3 speak on behalf of the Ensley community. Now, I'm the
4 president of the Ensley Business Alliance. We just
5 had First -- you know, Pastor Tyree, First Baptist
6 Church of Ensley, speak.

7 And, you know, so right now it's a conversation
8 about Ensley. And both of them spoke about justice.
9 I spend 14 hours a day studying Alabama ethics law
10 because of the opportunity zones that were excluded
11 from Ensley. I spend 14 hours a day studying the
12 Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title 6 with federal
13 assisted programs because of Ensley.

14 We have the highest increase of property taxes in
15 downtown Ensley. We have some properties going up
16 400, 500 percent. And no one has spoken up for us. I
17 have a zero dollar appraisal on my building, all eight
18 of my buildings, and no one has spoke up for me in
19 this city, in this state properly.

20 So however you all decide to do the districting,
21 we need you to stand up for Ensley because right now
22 it's a -- 3, 4, and 5 are together, and 1 or 2 are
23 divided. We have to get you all to work together
24 because our community in Ensley is the one that's
25 hurting the most.

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1 So whichever way you choose, we need you to stand
2 up, but I know there has not been any justice for
3 downtown Ensley because I'm going to leave here. And
4 I'm going to study the law for the next 14 hours to
5 figure out how to get justice for opportunity zones
6 and my zero dollar appraisal that's been shared on BBC
7 World News, but locally no one will speak up. Thank
8 you.

9 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Mr. Rice.

10 Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

11 Yes, ma'am. Good morning.

12 ALICE WESTRY: Good morning, Commissioners and
13 good morning, concerned citizens. I'm Alice Westry.
14 I am the co-chair for the Community Affairs Committee,
15 and we are an organization that is about equity,
16 justice, and about making sure that things are done in
17 a way to where all people have an opportunity to have
18 the best quality of life possible.

19 And we meet every Monday morning at 7:30, and we
20 have been discussing this particular day. And we
21 would like to say that we support Plan 1. And we are
22 here in order to help and assist all neighborhoods in
23 having equity and equality and justice in order to get
24 that help.

25 And I sure do want you to reach out to us. I

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1 want to exchange that information because CAC, the
2 Community Affairs Committee, that's what we're all
3 about. And so we would like to support Plan 1,
4 please.

5 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Ms. Westry.

6 Is there anyone else who'd like to speak?

7 Good morning. I'd like to appreciate -- before
8 you speak, I'd like to thank everyone for coming down
9 here and -- and having this input into this public
10 hearing because it's -- it's always very insightful
11 and very helpful and -- because we're work for you, if
12 you remember that. I guess it's something that we
13 need to remember too, isn't it?

14 JOHNNY GUNN: Amen.

15 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Yes, sir.

16 JOHNNY GUNN: I'd just like to say good morning
17 to the Commissioners and everyone that is here. My
18 name is Johnny Gunn. I'm the president of Belview
19 Heights Neighborhood Association. Also the vice
20 president for the Five Points West Community.

21 I appreciate the opportunity to come down and
22 speak to you all about the redistricting. I've heard
23 a lot about it, did some reading, and talked to my
24 neighbors in Belview Heights. Belview Heights is the
25 Charles A. Brown school district. Brown School is in

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1 Belview Heights.

2 And after talking to most of the -- not all of
3 them, but a lot of the residents in Belview Heights,
4 their recommendation was that we want to remain where
5 we are. Whatever district we in, we want to remain in
6 that district.

7 And it's my understanding that that will include
8 Plan 1. That will be included in Plan 1. So I, too,
9 would like to see that, you know, the district of the
10 voting and whatever is actually just equitable amongst
11 all the -- all the people. And so I was -- I was sent
12 down here and told to recommend Plan 1.

13 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Mr. Gunn.

14 JOHNNY GUNN: So that is the recommendation from
15 Belview Heights neighborhood.

16 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you very much.

17 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Could you spell your last
18 name, sir?

19 JOHNNY GUNN: G-U-N-N.

20 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Is there anyone else that
22 would like to speak to the body?

23 Seeing no one, the public hearing is now closed.

24 Commissioners, we have three items for
25 consideration. Item -- Plan Number 1, Plan Number 2,

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1 and Plan Number 3.

2 Does any commissioner would like to address the
3 body?

4 COMMISSIONER SCALES: I would like to,
5 Mr. President.

6 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Commissioner Scales.

7 COMMISSIONER SCALES: Thank you, sir. So first
8 of all, I want to thank all of the members of the
9 public for coming to the meeting. It really means a
10 lot.

11 I heard about numbers and equity. Plan Number 1
12 actually gives District 1 787 more citizenry than it
13 does for District 2. Plan Number 2 gives District 2
14 297 more than District 1. Plan 3 would give District
15 2 717 more than District 1.

16 Being that we recognize and you all said it very
17 clearly about the numbers, let me say this just for
18 the record. I appreciate you coming, Mr. McCall. And
19 to set the record straight, you and I had a
20 conversation on yesterday. And the conversation was I
21 was not permitted to be on the call as it relates to
22 your neighborhood due to time restraints. Am I
23 correct?

24 GEORGE MCCALL: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SCALES: Okay. So that's all I

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1 wanted. And so I told you in all fairness because
2 from what I have been hearing is that the maps that we
3 provided in a meeting were maps that supposedly were
4 developed or generated by my office, which is not
5 true.

6 That's why Barry Stephenson is sitting right over
7 there. And these maps of Plan 1, 2, and 3 did not
8 come from Commissioner Lashunda Scales' office nor her
9 staff. Okay?

10 In addition to that, this document here that was
11 provided to members of the community was not provided
12 by myself or my staff. It was provided by the
13 Jefferson County Board of Registrars.

14 So a lot of misinformation that I heard, I'm
15 clarifying it in a public setting. Let me also say
16 this as well.

17 On Plan Number 1, District 2 is going to have to
18 take in a portion of Homewood. District 2 will also
19 have to take in a portion of Ross Bridge and Lakeshore
20 and Oxmoor Valley. Okay?

21 We speak of Democratic versus Republican. You
22 figure out what that looks like. But what I've tried
23 to do in the absence of no communication, we were
24 first offered Wilkerson School. I agreed to do that
25 up until 10th Court. I was later told that

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1 Commissioner 2 did not want that. Okay, fine. That's
2 how we got to Ensley, because I said rather than to
3 debate that issue, let us go ahead and go toward
4 Ensley and then we both would be in a favorable
5 position.

6 Here's the understanding that the public must
7 know. When you are undercounted, you're already
8 starting at a disadvantage because of the fact that
9 the numbers are off. The difference is District 1 by
10 more than 1,000 citizenry had more than Commission
11 District 2, which is the reason why I wanted to make
12 sure that it was balanced.

13 So I'm going to say for now, please hear these
14 numbers clearly. Plan 1 would give District 1 787
15 more citizens than District 2. Plan Number 2 would
16 give 297 citizens more than District 1. Plan Number 3
17 would give District 2 717 more than District 1.

18 What I'm making sure that the public understands
19 for me is there is not going to be a rift between me
20 and a colleague. Always remember, the numbers don't
21 lie. So I'm actually putting my -- my colleague at a
22 disadvantage.

23 If I go with Number 1 and I already start with
24 787 more than District 2, I'm putting District 2 at a
25 disadvantage. That's why I'm going over the numbers.

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1 Now, what I'm going to do because I am having to
2 take in Center Point which is highly Democratic, I am
3 taking in Dolomite which is highly Democratic, but you
4 ask yourself concerning Homewood, Ross Bridge, Lake
5 Shore, is that a heavily populated Democratic area?

6 You have to decide that after listening to what I
7 just said. So I wanted to just clear up this
8 misinformation that, A, my staff did not produce this
9 document; B, this document here, Exhibit Number 2,
10 came from the Jefferson County Board of Registrars,
11 and I shared it with you all.

12 And let me say also for my colleagues, it was
13 stated that I met with the neighborhood officers, and
14 I should have because if that Ensley community or
15 Charles Brown community were up for consideration, it
16 was my duty to come to them and to make sure that they
17 understood everything.

18 And let me also say this too, since we're in a
19 public setting, at no given point did I ever speak
20 against Commissioner Tyson. I stayed to the numbers
21 because the numbers is what you all and we're going to
22 have to deal with for the next 10 years.

23 I didn't write the law. I don't make the law. I
24 only deal with the numbers. So if we're looking for
25 justice, we're looking for equality, I'm telling you

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1 Plan 1 will put my colleague at a disadvantage.

2 However, whatever this Commission decides --
3 because I'm about what's fair. 10 years, Commissioner
4 Tyson not -- may not even be here. But what's going
5 to be here is this district drawing.

6 And I'm telling you if we're not careful, some of
7 these little quasi-conversations going to end up
8 backfiring on the very people that we both represent.
9 That's the only thing that I will leave this day as
10 saying this morning. It's about the numbers.

11 And I'll give this to Mr. Arthur Welch. He used
12 to keep my numbers when I ran for office, and he would
13 always say, Ms. Scales, it doesn't matter what people
14 say, it's about the numbers.

15 And so if you all look at those numbers today and
16 you can live with those numbers 10 years from now,
17 then just know Commissioner for District 1 was only
18 trying to be fair. We're starting out at 787 people
19 above District Number 2 with Plan Number 1.

20 That's why you have to read. Read. You got to
21 study this for yourself. That's the reason why I
22 provide the paperwork. It's not about who like who
23 and who don't like who. At the end of the day, it's
24 about being fair and equitable.

25 Thank you, Mr. President.

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1 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you.

2 No one?

3 Okay. The Chair will entertain a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER AMMONS: I move to approve Plan 1.

5 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: We have a motion to

6 approve -- approve Plan 1.

7 COMMISSIONER TYSON: I second.

8 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: And we have a second. We

9 have a motion and a second.

10 Ms. Diliberto, would you call roll please?

11 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Ammons?

12 COMMISSIONER AMMONS: Yes.

13 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Knight?

14 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Aye.

15 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Scales?

16 COMMISSIONER SCALES: No.

17 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Tyson?

18 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Yes.

19 MS. DILIBERTO: Commissioner Stephens?

20 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Yes.

21 The Plan 1 has been approved four to one.

22 Understanding that this is the process that we have to

23 go through every 10 years, no one really likes to

24 change. Change is -- is -- is difficult because we

25 have to change our -- our constituent base to a

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1 certain amount each time we do that.

2 I have to go now tell some of my good
3 constituents that -- that I will no longer represent
4 them, but they will be well represented and that they
5 will have good, fair representation because if you
6 remember what -- what we say. We run partisan, but
7 once we reach the Commission, we govern for all of our
8 citizens. And we have their interests at the best
9 heart.

10 We appreciate the participation. We appreciate
11 everything that everyone has done. I look forward to
12 -- to representing you through the remainder of this
13 term.

14 And is there any Commissioners that would like to
15 speak?

16 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Commissioner Stephens, I do
17 have some -- you know, you and I have been here
18 through two of these.

19 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: And in 2010 we had to
21 redistrict, and in 2020 we're doing it again. In the
22 combined net of both of those consensus redistricting,
23 the District 1 has had to increase from 3, 4, and 5
24 28,271. District 2, 25,763. In over the same time,
25 District 3 has lost seven -- over 17,000. District 4,

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1 over 17,000. And District 5, over 18,000.

2 So it's -- it's like Ms. Scales said. It's a
3 numbers and a movement. And I think that our Board of
4 Registrars has done a very good job in tracking the
5 numbers and keeping them in with that percentage point
6 that we're required to do.

7 So it's -- it's a -- it's a juggling act. And
8 you have to be meticulous about it, and I appreciate
9 their work in this.

10 COMMISSIONER SCALES: Mr. President?

11 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Ms. Scale?

12 COMMISSIONER SCALES: Absolutely. And let me
13 also say this for public consumption. The reason why
14 the numbers have changed the way Commissioner Knight
15 mentioned is because those districts have always been
16 overpopulated which meant that the census tract --
17 they were counted.

18 The unfortunate reality is in most urban areas,
19 we're not counted. And because we're not counted,
20 that's the reason why there's a surplus in other
21 districts and there's a minus in others.

22 But do understand that today I accept exactly
23 what the Commission has decided to vote on. And
24 because of that, I am good and I'm well with my soul.
25 I did my part. I made sure that everyone was fully

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1 aware most of all of what's to come.

2 So all I can tell you is that everybody just need
3 to work their district, and I'm going to continue to
4 do the same for mine.

5 So thank you, Mr. President.

6 I want to thank the Board of Registrars because
7 I'm not picking up new areas or territory other than
8 going over there to Dolomite. So it's going to be
9 good for Scales, okay, and Center Point. I'm already
10 still over there anyway, but we're picking up Center
11 Point. But people that know me out east, they know
12 that.

13 So I just want to be clear that I thank you all
14 as the staff. I really want to apologize for many --
15 for any miscommunication because my staff, we work. I
16 don't care what anybody say on this dais, nobody takes
17 care of my district. I take care of my own district.

18 And moving forward, just as I've told you
19 privately, Mr. President, folks will see if they keep
20 saying what they're doing in my district and I know
21 that they're not, we're going to proceed forward. And
22 that's just the way it's going to be.

23 I accept what we've -- what we've established
24 today. And all I can say to those areas that have
25 been disproportioned that we gotta do a better job and

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1 making sure that our people are counted and making
2 sure that we have an understanding.

3 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, Commissioner.

4 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: I just want to say, too,
5 thank you to Mr. McCall, to the pastor for First
6 Baptist Church in Ensley, Mr. Rice, Ms. Westry, and
7 Mr. Gunn. Thank y'all for coming down here and -- and
8 having your say. We appreciate you. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you.

10 Anyone else?

11 Ms. Tyson?

12 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Now, I've sat here not
13 saying anything. And I -- but I want the public to
14 know this. I drew that map. I went upstairs and
15 drew that map.

16 We are underpopulated. That mean you hold what
17 you got and you pull from the people that's
18 overpopulated. I talked to Commissioner Ammons. I
19 pulled -- Rosedale is a 99.2 percent Black community.
20 99.2 percent, and they all Democrats.

21 Now, if you think I will draw myself into my
22 demise you got to be crazy. I pulled from Homewood.
23 I already have that portion of Homewood. All I did
24 was pull the other Democratic part of Homewood. Just
25 don't believe everything you hear.

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1 I pulled in the rest of the senior citizen box
2 that I already have. I already have it. All I did
3 was got the other part of that box, which is
4 89 percent Democratic box.

5 The other closest addition to me was Commissioner
6 Jimmy Stephens. Yes, Ross Bridge is a part of that,
7 but it's across the street, which is 99 percent
8 Republican. I got Mountain View part. I already have
9 Oxmoor part. Oxmoor is already in my district.

10 All I got was the Mountain View part which is
11 hooked to Oxmoor. It's a new subdivision which is
12 89 percent Democratic and black.

13 You know how I know? Because I got up and I went
14 over there and limped on my leg and knocked on the
15 doors and seen for myself. I did that myself. I went
16 to Bessemer in the President Jimmy Stephens' district.
17 I got the part that was behind the civic center and
18 the part that's over there by the police department.
19 99 percent Democratic, 99 percent Black.

20 Don't believe everything you hear. You know how
21 I know? I got up, walked over there myself, and I
22 looked at the folks in they face. And I know what I'm
23 getting.

24 I didn't call not one neighborhood officer until
25 they called me asking me questions. I don't have -- I

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1 don't do that. That ain't what I do.

2 The only time I go over into anyone's when some
3 -- any one district or anything if people call me.

4 And I service people. That's what I do.

5 And I did not even want to do this. I didn't
6 want to say nothing. But there's no way I was going
7 to let you leave out of here and think -- for you to
8 think that I have drawn some people in my district
9 that will take something from you. I wasn't going to
10 let you leave out of here and think that.

11 I'm not a liar, and I have proved -- proven that
12 to you, but it pisses me off when people lie to you
13 and then say that they are -- hadn't did nothing to
14 Commissioner Tyson.

15 When you lie to the people, when you lie, you
16 hurt me. I'm going to get up from here right now,
17 Mr. President Stephens. I'm through. And I'm going
18 to continue to work in my district like I have done.

19 And the gentleman that's in Ensley that's the --
20 over the Merchant Association, the County cannot give
21 the City of Birmingham funding. Am I right or wrong?

22 Theo, take -- could you answer that?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, she can.

24 COMMISSIONER TYSON: I'm talking about out of our
25 general fund.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, she can.

2 COMMISSIONER TYSON: For like -- he's over the
3 Merchants Association downtown.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If they have a 501(c)(3),
5 yes, you can.

6 THEO LAWSON: So the City has primary
7 responsibility for the citizens. And certain aspects
8 for the county (indecipherable).

9 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Right.

10 THEO LAWSON: The primary responsibility is for
11 the City (indecipherable).

12 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Like economic development.

13 THEO LAWSON: (Indecipherable).

14 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER SCALES: If they have a 501 --

16 COMMISSIONER TYSON: And I just told -- I'm
17 talking, Commissioner Scales.

18 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: That's -- that's cool.

19 COMMISSIONER TYSON: What I --

20 COMMISSIONER SCALES: First of all, you're not
21 giving what --

22 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Can I finish, President.

23 COMMISSIONER SCALES: You just made a statement,
24 and it's not true.

25 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Let's -- let's --

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1 COMMISSIONER SCALES: If they have a 501(c)(3),
2 it don't matter what --

3 COMMISSIONER TYSON: Let me --

4 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Let's do point of order,
5 right -- right this second.

6 COMMISSIONER TYSON: If you have a 501(c)(3) --

7 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: (Indecipherable) very
8 well.

9 COMMISSIONER TYSON: When you have a 501(c)(3),
10 yes, you can get funding. He is very aware if he have
11 a 501(c) he can get funding. But it's the amount of
12 money that he --

13 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, commissioner.
14 (Commissioner Scales exits the room.)

15 COMMISSIONER TYSON: -- that I did not have. Now
16 we have infrastructure money, and you remember when I
17 told you I was going to -- we was going to get some
18 infrastructure money? We just received the
19 infrastructure money from the COVID-19 funding.
20 That's where we got the money.

21 The amount of money you needed -- if I had of
22 gave you my discretionary funding, it wouldn't have
23 been enough for me to give to anyone else. We only
24 got \$200,000. You needed \$200,000. And I wasn't
25 going to be able to give you that.

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1 I wouldn't -- there wouldn't have been nothing
2 else left for the other 150-some thousand people in my
3 district. That's why I wasn't able to give you any.

4 Now we're in a whole new ballpark since we have
5 infrastructure money now. So -- but I just didn't
6 want you to leave out of here thinking that up on the
7 economic engine that we can give you money to fix the
8 buildings downtown, because we can not.

9 Only with my discretionary money I can give you a
10 small funding, and that wasn't going to be no more
11 than a couple thousand dollars, and I told you that.
12 So I'm finished with what I had to say.

13 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you, commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: I want to -- I want to
15 address something, if I may.

16 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER KNIGHT: Because I don't want
18 everybody to leave with a little bit of a
19 misimpression here. When -- when we get the census
20 number, Barry comes up with a number and say this is
21 what each district needs to consist of within 1 --
22 1 percent.

23 So we -- Steve and Ms. Tyson, Jimmy and
24 Ms. Tyson, we go up together. I went up with
25 Ms. Scales. And we look at the maps and say, hey, do

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1 you want -- here -- here, we can give up here. We can
2 -- so we generally work together to do this
3 redistricting.

4 So we're not up here all fighting over this, but
5 sometimes there's, you know, consternation and
6 dispute. But as you saw, 3, 4, and 5, we didn't
7 change in any of the plans. So we're okay with our
8 districts and what we -- we don't want to really give
9 up people, but we have to to make it balanced and
10 even.

11 But I just don't want the public to think that
12 this is a big dog fight all the time because, for the
13 most part, it's working together to get this done.
14 And that's what we tried to do. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER AMMONS: Good job. It was -- it was
17 -- for you and your staff, good job, Barry.
18 Appreciate -- appreciate all the work that you put
19 into it and the time you spent with each of us. Thank
20 you.

21 COMMISSIONER STEPHENS: Always is and it's always
22 a challenge, and we appreciate everything that -- that
23 all of our County staff does to -- to make our job
24 easier and with -- with the understanding that no one
25 likes change. And -- but we all endure that change

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1 once every 10 years, and we change our constituent
2 base a certain amount.

3 But one thing that -- that this Commission will
4 do, it will pledge to continue to work together for
5 the benefit and the quality of life for you, the
6 citizens of Jefferson County.

7 Thank you and God bless, and this meeting is
8 recessed until further notice.

9 * End of Video Recording *

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